



Tri - City Council

APPROVED
10/21/2020

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Tri-City Council
Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Police Facility Meeting Room
2360 McCulloch Boulevard North
Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403



City of Bullhead, Arizona
Tom Brady, Mayor
Annette Wegmann, Vice Mayor

Mayor Sheehy announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public attendance is suspended and the Tri-City Council Meeting is being held through technological means. He said public participation is encouraged by calling in to listen by telephone. He added that public comments were also accepted by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@lhcaz.gov at least one-hour prior to the posted start time of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Mayor Sheehy.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayor Sheehy led in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call & Introduction of Special Guests

**All those in attendance were present via remote conferencing.*

Lake Havasu City Council Present

Cal Sheehy, Mayor
David Lane, Vice Mayor
Donna McCoy, Councilmember
Jeni Coke, Councilmember
Michele Lin, Councilmember
Gordon Groat, Councilmember

Staff Present

Jess Knudson, City Manager
Jerri Bracamonte, Executive Assistant
Kelly Williams, City Clerk
Shannon Davis, City Clerk Assistant
Peter Pilafas, Fire Chief
Dan Doyle, Police Chief
Shawn Irula, HR/Risk Management Manager
Greg Frosliel, Public Works Director
Stuart Schmeling, Development Services Director



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Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager
Jeanette Buckley, Administrative Specialist/MPO

Bullhead City

Council Present

Tom Brady, Mayor
Kathy Bruck, Councilmember



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Staff Present

Toby Cotter, City Manager
Sue Stein, City Clerk

City of Kingman

Council Present

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Staff Present

Ron Foggin, City Manager
Annie Meredith, City Clerk



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Others Present

Derrick Cooper, Erin Collins & Associates
Daisy Nelson, Today's News Herald
Jaime Hernandez, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager
Anthony Lombardi, Unisource Energy Services
Debbie Fawson, Chamber of Commerce
Kevin Adams, Rural Transportation Council
Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor
Kiowa Wimmer, Assistant to Mohave County Treasurer
Regina Cobb, Arizona House Representatives
Alvin Stump, Arizona Department of Transportation
Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors
Sarah Hall, Assistant to Mohave County Supervisor
Becky Foster, Mohave County Board of Supervisor's Office



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3. Annual Appointment of Chairman

Chairman Mayor Sheehy explained that the office of the Tri-City Council Chairman rotates annually, and appointed Mayor Miles as the next Chairman.

4. Call to the Public

Ms. Williams stated that no public comments were received.



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5. Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2020, TCC Meeting

Mayor Sheehy moved to approve the January 8, 2020, Tri-City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Chairman Mayor Miles, and carried unanimously.

6. Update from Mohave County Manager Sam Elters

Mr. Sam Elters, Mohave County Manager, said he is happy and grateful to be back in Mohave County. Mr. Elters said the County is in good shape and on solid ground fiscally. Mr. Elters stated there will be challenges moving forward and believes together we can overcome any challenge, and added that he is thankful for the opportunity.

The Mayors welcomed Mr. Elters back to Mohave County.

7. Updates from Mohave County Board of Supervisors and Elected Officials

Chairman Mayor Miles asked if any elected officials were present to give an update.

Ms. Jean Bishop, Mohave County Board of Supervisors, said she has been involved with numerous county and state boards, committees, and commissions. Ms. Bishop added that she has many years of experience, including law enforcement, volunteering as reserve Kingman Police Officer, Park Ranger, and Constable. She added that she was also in command with Mohave County Air Search Squadron and Fluoride Fire Department Captain.

Ms. Bishop added that Mohave County is advocating for the needs of the cities and the safety of the citizens. She added that the role of public health is combatting the pandemic and said, at the most recent press conference, the Chairman Executive Officers (CEOs) from three local hospitals were in attendance to give a summary on how they have been affected by the pandemic.

Mayor Brady thanked Ms. Bishop for holding the press conference. He said the Counties are concerned for the hospitals and first responders. Mayor Brady noted that the pandemic is not fake news and the community needs to hear that the hospitals are overrun.

Ms. Jeanne Kentch, Mohave County Assessor, stated that she has been communicating with Today's News Herald regarding the County's values going down due to COVID-19. Ms. Kentch added that the narrative that COVID-19 is decreasing their values could be very harmful to the communities. She said the Mohave County Assessor's office is open with safety measures in place.

Mr. Travis Lingenfelter, Kingman Vice Mayor, directed citizens to visit his website for more information about his campaign and thanked the Tri-City Council for the opportunity to speak.



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8. Update from the Mohave County Health Department

No update was given from the Mohave County Health Department.

Mayor Sheehy noted that the Mohave County Health Department has been interfacing with the three Mayors on a regular basis and added that they are working on getting more testing in the communities.

Mayor Brady said Bullhead City is working diligently on getting more testing in their area.

Chairman Mayor Miles said one critical factor that they have been discussing is the time it takes to receive the lab results. Mayor Miles said steps are being taken at the state level to increase capacity and return results more quickly. She commended Ms. Denise Burley and the Mohave County Health Department team for partnering with North Country to have more testing availability.

9. Legislative Update

Ms. Regina Cobb, Arizona State Representative, reported that they have been working with the Governor's office on the budget, and added that Mohave County received \$500,000 to be allocated for the homeless veterans and veterans throughout the state.

Mr. Kevin Adams, Rural Transportation Council, said the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) report presented by Mr. Stump explained that the State Transportation Board (Board) delayed updating the five-year construction program until October because the ADOT Finance staff had projected a \$711 million loss to the program due to reduction in revenue collection which was going to trigger \$155 million in scheduled bond measures to be deferred of the next two years. He stated while their projections at the federal and state level were extreme, the results were not as bad as projected; however, the Board still deferred so that they could have more accurate numbers to work with and are still confident that numbers are trending uphill and revenue losses will not be as low as projected. Mr. Adams added that, as Representative Cobb reported, they are not expecting much more activity at the state level since they passed a tight budget before adjourning. He stated that at the top of legislation next week is the next COVID-19 relief package and said they feel that the senate will not agree on the numbers and what they will receive will be far lower than what was proposed; however, some relief funding is on the table for state and local governments with some consideration for relief funding to the DOT's. Mr. Adams added that if ADOT receives federal assistance it will mitigate or lessen the losses that are anticipated and added that they are pushing for that relief to include a waiver to keep the local funding that has already been awarded.

10. Update from the Arizona Department of Transportation

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Mr. Alvin Stump, Arizona Department of Transportation reviewed the following in his presentation:

Mohave County Area Projects

- US 93 Carrow-Stephens widening: \$31.3 Million, November planned Completion
- US 93 11th Street to Windy Point Pavement preservation and shoulder widening: \$12.23 Million, October planned completion
- Pierce Ferry Rd, Lloyd St to 13th St: \$1.74 Million, October planned completion



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As-Read Bid Results

- Acoma Boulevard at Pima Drive Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon - \$304k
- SR 68 Union Pass Safety Improvements - \$1 Million

Advertised Projects

- 7th St. to Aviation Way – Raised Median \$700k (Bid 7/17)
- Aztec Rd. to S. BHC Parkway – Raised Median \$1.4 Million (Bid 7/24)
- Windy Point to Mineral Park – Pavement preservation and shoulder widening Fiscal Year 20 \$7.5 Million (Bid 7/24)
- Courtwright/Pierce Ferry – CL Rumble Strips \$740k (Bid 7/17)
- Stockton Hill Rd. Corridor Safety Countermeasures – Various Safety Countermeasures \$513k (Bid 7/31)
- I-40 Bridge Rehab – (MP 23.56 – 40.42) \$7.4 Million (Bid 8/07)

Project Updates

- West Kingman Traffic Interchange – Public Hearing complete
- Rancho Santa Fe Traffic Interchange – IGA executed
- Marina right turn lane – 95% advertise 2nd QTR
- 3rd driveway north of Kiowa – Warrant study complete (Awaiting final determination)

Councilmember McCoy asked about the locations of the five bridge projects, to which Mr. Stump said the project is between the area of Javelin and Shinarump at the traffic interchange of Historic Route 66.

Chairman Mayor Miles stated that Kingman is appreciative of the work that went into the completing the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Rancho Santa Fe Traffic Interchange.

11. Update on the 2020 Census Activities

Mr. Foggin said Kingman continues to encourage and educate citizens on the census through social media. He said they are putting an emphasis on door hangars in the low



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reported areas. He added that Kingman is also encouraging employees to participate in the census.

Mr. Knudson said Lake Havasu City continues to educate through social media and printed door hangars. He added that they are targeting communities that are under-represented (including multi-housing, golf courses, and vacation homes). He stated that based on the 2010 Census count, one-third of the homes are reported as vacant; therefore, Lake Havasu City is putting an emphasis to ensure that permanent residents are being counted.

Mr. Schmeling added that Lake Havasu City has also changed the screen savers in the City Hall lobby, provided staff t-shirts, placed hangars in the golf carts at the golf courses, and provided pamphlets at the local food bank.



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Mr. Cotter said Bullhead City is having difficulties as a result of COVID-19 with casinos being shut down and a rise in unemployment. Mr. Cotter said it has been an uphill battle and they have budgeted more money this fiscal year for the census. He said they are concerned about the final report and added that the three cities need to rally the federal government for more census workers.

Ms. Kentch and Ms. Becky Foster reported on the census efforts in the outer rural areas.



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12. Mayor's Reports – City Updates

Mayor Brady thanked the Mayors for their ongoing discussions and efforts in response to COVID-19. He said Bullhead City has a hearing scheduled in February 2021 in regards to their ongoing battle with EPCOR. He noted that EPCOR recently submitted another application before the Arizona Corporation Commission for a rate increase in an area in the northern district of Lake Havasu City. Mayor Brady reported that they are approximately 50 percent complete on the approach to the new bridge in Bullhead City. He said Bullhead City purchased a micro-surface/slurry machine five years ago which has been very successful in helping the city maintain 20 percent of their roadways every five years. He said they are looking to purchase a second machine to continue their road program. Mayor Brady reported that their City Council may be discussing and voting to cancel their recycling program as there is no longer a market for recycling.



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Mayor Sheehy thanked the Mayors for their partnership and regional perspective with COVID-19. He reported on compliance from the local businesses and local mask proclamation. Mayor Sheehy said Lake Havasu City is managing crowds based on current amenities and are encouraging social distancing and masks. He said Lake Havasu City will hold a Primary Election in August for three councilmember seats. Mayor Sheehy reported on the positional analysis which should be completed August/September 2020. Mayor Sheehy introduced new Lake Havasu City Fire Chief Peter Pilafas.

Chairman Mayor Miles thanked the Mayors for their collaboration and ongoing meetings regarding COVID-19 and public health. She reported on the completion of the



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Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Rancho Santa Fe Interchange construction. Chairman Mayor Miles said at the last Tri-City Council meeting Kingman reported that they were putting together a package of programs for small business assistance and economic recovery. She said they have put together several new grant programs with a lot of interest especially in the downtown area. She reported that the Council recently approved a new city logo and said Kingman will hold an election in August for three councilmember seats. Chairman Mayor Miles introduced new Kingman Police Chief Rusty Cooper.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding Future Agenda Items

Mayor Brady requested an update from Suddenlink.

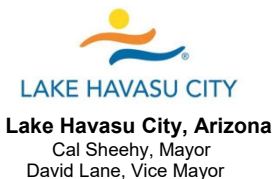
Chairman Mayor Miles requested an item with Dr. Klippenstein with the Northwest Attainment Steering Committee.

Mayor Sheehy requested an update from the Mohave County Health Department.

Mayor Sheehy requested an item to introduce new Arizona State University/Lake Havasu City Campus Director Dr. Carla Harclerod.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mayor Miles adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.



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